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OTTAWA -- The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will begin broadcasting the complete replay of each day's House of Commons proceedings on its National Satellite Channels in both English and French, effective immediately, CBC President Gérard Veilleux announced today.

Beginning November 21, at the end of each day's proceedings, CBC's Parliamentary Channel on-air hosts will explain to viewers that CBC will be undertaking the replay of the complete proceedings of the day; they will then summarize for the viewers that day's order of business. Question Period will continue to be replayed with sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired.

Today's announcement follows a commitment made by the CBC President before the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges, Procedure and Private Members' Business on November 2, 1989 where he responded positively to a November 1, 1989 letter from the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honorable John A. Fraser, P.C., M.P. and to the recommendations of the Committee from its Fifth Report.

"That CBC is able to undertake the replaying of the complete proceedings of the House of Commons so quickly is due to the substantial help and the co-operation of House of Commons officials," said Mr. Veilleux.

"I am extremely pleased that more Canadians will have the opportunity to watch the full day's sitting of the House in prime time," he said.

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